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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6750 NOTE PREPARED: Dec 22, 2008

BILL NUMBER: SB 325 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Teacher Immunity Regarding Disciplinary Action.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Walker BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill allows a teacher to take an action that is reasonably necessary to maintain discipline in the school, and provides immunity from civil liability for reasonable actions taken to maintain discipline in the school. It specifies that the Attorney General shall defend a teacher in a civil suit if the Attorney General determines that the suit has arisen out of an act that the teacher in good faith believed was within the scope of the person's duties in taking an action reasonably necessary to maintain discipline in the school.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Attorney General: This bill provides for the Attorney General to defend teachers in civil suits if the suits have arisen from reasonable actions taken to maintain discipline in the school, which may increase costs. The impact depends upon the extent to which such cases are filed, and is indeterminable.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Attorney General.

Local Agencies Affected:

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Information Sources:

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